THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 08-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Culture & Recreation Access Policy (Item 4.1)**

   The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests that the Recreation Division undertake a needs assessment to identify the recreational needs of persons with disabilities.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) **Culture & Recreation Access Policy (Item 4.1)**

John Kirkpatrick, from the Recreation Services Department, made a presentation to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting the Culture & Recreation Access Policy. The program provides subsidies so that individuals in need of financial assistance can participate in recreational programs.

Based on discussion following the presentation, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities identified a need for activities related to persons with disabilities. The Committee noted the need for exercise opportunities for community members with disabilities, which may require either modified programs or specific programs. They noted that there are very limited opportunities available in Hamilton for recreational activities for people with disabilities.

The Committee made the recommendation that is outlined in Item 1 of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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